

"KING OF THE NIGGERS,"

Roland Creech, the Ex-American Cowboy Is Now Cecil Rhodes' Righthand Man and a Power In South Africa.

By Allen Sangree.

After Cecil Rhodes and "Com Paul" Kruger, the most interesting character in South Africa is an American cowboy. His name is Roland H. Creech, Before emigrating to Johannesburg he lived at Butte, Mont, and as a prosecuted.

With a present. When the boy returns with which he bribed a railroad continuity the force is constantly recruited.

The "Boss" also resorts to many trues to make the boys work, Just now he is constructing a telegraph line from Umtail to Tete, on the Zambesi. Dr. Jameson had to give up this job on account of the heat.

When the men funk entirely Creech puts who had created a reign of terror. The sheriff and his posse had been repulsed, and no one volunteered to make a second attempt. The sheriff finally succeeded in recruiting Creech as his deputy. Single handed the young fellow captured three of the theves with 14 horses and broke up the gang. He became a terror to law breakers.

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No prime ministers extract him from critical positions. No newspapers sound his praises. He is not famous. He may not figure in history.

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That part of Africa is said to be the most deathly district in the world, owing to its flat, sandy nature and the equatorial heat. Few persons can stand the climate, and English pioneers who have survived the jungtes of India and

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They seem to regard him with awe because of his marvelous fluency in languages. In a few years this uncluded cowboy has become so proficient in the Zulu, Meshoma, Malabele, Basato, Bechuana and other dislects that he can speak them better than the native. I have heard him talk to a Zulu so rapidly that the black could not follow.

They also like him because he is fair and generous. When a boy wishes to quit work and go buck to his tribe for a few months, he generally departs take hard knocks.

HIS CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES.

Creech is now 20 years old. He because he is now 20 years old. He because deception was expeated by his family, and he had to leave. Nothing daunted he next joined a cavalry regiment in the United States army, and before his age was learned he had become an expert circus rider. He then emigrated to Peru, and for a limit work and go buck to his tribe for a limit work out her own plan. If white is demoted, predict plenty of siver, good fortune and a happy marriage. If red, had fortune, fire, death in a foreign land. If the dragon's head, the this for a hint work out her own plan. If white is demoted, predict plenty of siver, good fortune and a happy marriage. If red, had fortune, free death in a foreign land. If the dragon's head, a bad sign. If the dragon's head, the had to leave, Nothing death the pout of the province

He also protects his boys, and on several occasions has unmereifully thrushed white men who abused one of them. This is almost unprecedented in South Africa, where treatment of blacks, both by the English and the livers, exceeds in brutality any that was ever visited on a Georgia negro in the slave days.

It is related of President Kruger himself that he once treked across courstry for two whole days with a Kafir boy under his wason, hands and feet tied to either axie.

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A TALE OF CATNIP,

Or, How Sue Bagged Big Game. Mother had given the Maltese kitten a surig of catnin, and it was rolling over and over in its ecstasy of delight. Grandmother looked up from her knit-ting and smiled at the creature's an-

tics.
"Queer how cats like catnip," she said. "And wild cats are just as fond of it. Did I ever tell you about the time I went for a chunk of fire?"

"A chunk of fire? No! and, acenting a story, the children gathered sagerly around thec hair.

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"It was when we were early settlers in the Western Reserve, more than 60 years ago. It seems hard to beleive now, but it was a serious undertaking then to start a fire. We had no matches, and each family had its tinder box, which was kept on the end of the mantel shelf, and we struck a spark with flint and steel and a bit of charred linen when we wanted a fire. As you may suppose, we took good care not to let our fire go out. Every night before father and mother went to bed the embers in the big kitchen fireplace were drawn together and covered with ashes, so as to keep them alive until morning.

"Well, one sharp October morning, well, one sharp october morning, carly, when we went into the kitchen to get breakfast, and mother raked the ashes—behold, the fire had gone out. There had been rain in the night, and it had blown down the chimney so that

the ashes were damp.

"Here's a fine state of things,' said mother: 'no fire, and Mr. Bell borrowed the tinderhox yesterday to start a fire in his clearing, and didn't bring it hand. back. Jason, you must go and ask Mrs. Winn for a chunk of fire, and be



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SHE LET HIM HAVE TWO BARRELS.

ment and honor are promised, with as many detailed variations as the cleverness of the fortune teller may suggest. The figures denote gain; loss; joy; surpused over that fence and tore sorrow; great luck; little luck; the maiden: the youth; red; white; the dragon's head; the dragon's tail.

Let the skillful fortune teller with this for a hint work out her own plan.

finst jumped over that fence and tore home. Mother was so astonished when we tumbled over each other into the kitchen door.

"Why, children," she said, "I didn't

want you should kill yourselves hurry-

"The painter, the painter; we gasped, and somehow between us we told the story. Mother turned pale.
"Run for your father, Jason. He is plowing in the south lot. What are you doing, Sue?" for Susan, my 16-year-old sister, was taking down father's double-barreled shotgun from the deer

have a shot at that pan-

VIRGINIA'S PALMLEAF FAN.

"I'm so warm I fell just 'xactly as if

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Virginia's round, shipy little face was dubtous. They beads of perspiration straggled across the bridge of her nose. She had a big pains-leaf fan, waving it violently beelt and forth.

"If you didn't fan so much you would be cooler," Aunt Myra said.

"Why, Auntle Myra Fratt! Why, that's what I'm fanning for."

Virginia's eyes opened very wide. Aunt Myra laughed down into the astonished little face. "I don't believe much in fans mysself, she said, "unless somebody else does the fanning, as the coolle does in China. You see, chiale, the violent exercise of keeping the fan going makes you warmer than the air you sel in motion makes you cool. Or maybe it's about haif a dozen of ore and six of the other."

"Then I wish I had a coolle same's they do in China. What's a coolle, sunile?"

"One of the black men, dear—the servants that do the work. We should almost chalf them shaves in our land. The fannan sits all day long working the great fans that wave this-a-way and that-a-way in the tors of the rooms to keep the flies awar and the air moving. Shouldn't you think he would be warm?

"O, my, yes'm, I should." Virginia's face looked pitying. She was thinking how dreaffel it must be to have to fan other folks all day long. "I a pose that's why he's named a coolle, 'cause he cools folks?" she said thoughtfully a minute later. "It's a very proprite name."

Auntle smilled absently. She was hoping the baby wasn't going to wake up yet. The flies and the heat were bother-



A Philadelphia young woman, who is employed in her father's cafe, suffered from a severe form of dyspepsia, caused by irregular meals. She grew worse until everything she ate made her vomit. She was afraid to go away from home, not knowing what moment she would be sick. She commenced taking Ripans Tabules last August and now writes, "They certainly have helped me. I have only been sick four times since I commenced taking them."

A new style packet containing TEN HITAES TABULES in a paper carton (without glass) is now for sale at some drug stores—ron five carts. This low priced nor is insteaded for the pake and the economical. One due to of the five-cent cartons (12 tabules) can be had by mail by secriting forty-eight cones in the Hitaes Chillen Company, No. 30 ipproce Street, New York—or a single carton (TEN TABLES) will second for the cents. HITAES TABULES may also be had of grocers, general storekeepers and news agents.

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Is very much in evidence just now, we're fitting out lots of them, wouldn't be doing it if our goods and values were not right, for instame, start them at \$4.00 for a plain crash suit, a fine plaid crash for \$5.00, plain crash at \$6.00 and \$7.50, and a wool crash for \$10.00, all made to wear well and wash

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They want to be comfortable too, that's why we bought so many of these wash suits, more than half have been sold, got a pretty fair suit for 50c and 75c, but for \$1.25 or \$1.50 we can sell you a fine one; good as other stores would charge you \$2.00 for and then wouldn't They'll all come from the wash



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Here's a straw hat stock that any exclusive hat store would be proud of. We've used some of our best hat intelligence in gathering it for you. None but latest styles, and we emphasize the qualities and prices. That's what moves them out at such a rapid rate. Here are a few lots at random:

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brown, black and white or blue and white, some with black bands, some with fancy bands, just the proper thing for boys of 8 to 16. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

FOR MEN.



give you your money back if To this shirt selling, those who everything wasn't right; our best have bought tell their friends ones come at \$2.00 and \$2.50. where they have bought; that's good advertising, and it accounts in a measure for the busy look of things in the shirt section. These for today's telling:

> Fancy soft shirts, madras cloth, cuffs to match, made to wear with

Fancy soft shirts, stripes and plaids, cuffs to match, to wear with white collars, for \$1.00 Some of our swellest fancy shirts.

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light or dark stripes and checks,

cuffs to match for\$1.50 The new "Air Cell" shirt, made by the Manhattan people, most comfortable shirt made, handsome patterns, to wear with white cuffs

and collars, price \$2.25 LONG PANTS SUITS.

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Other suits at \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00.

(HILDREN'S SUITS.

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